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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PAL'S PLANS TO INTRODUCE DC-10'S

REF: MANILA 3452 AND 3879

1. DEPT AND CAB HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY TO IMPLICATIONS OF PAL'S PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE DC-10'S INTO SERVICE BETWEEN PHILIPPINES AND US. WE HAVE PARTICULARLY NOTED PHIL CAB DISPOSITION TO TRADE OFF PAL DC-10 AUTHORITY FOR NWA 747 AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, USG NOT DISPOSED TO PLAY FREQUENCY AND CAPACITY MATCHING GAME WHICH OF COURSE IS BASIC GOP STRATEGY IN ORDER TO KEEP TIGHT CONTROL OF US CARRIER CAPACITY.

2. USG BELIEVES THAT WE MAY NOW BE APPROACHING THE MOMENT WHEN WE CAN ENTER INTO A MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION OF THE AVIATION ISSUES WHICH HAVE PLAGUED US - PHIL RELATIONS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. PAL DESIRE TO EXPAND CAPACITY WOULD FOR THE FIRST TIME SEEM TO PROVIDE SOME STIMULUS FOR
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GOP TO NEGOTIATE MEANINGFULLY ON LONG RANGE UNDERSTANDING.

FOR MONTHS WE HAVE TRIED OUR BEST TO ENGAGE PHIL
AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ ON THIS SUBJECT
WITHOUT SUCCESS, AND IF WE DO NOT USE PRESENT OCCASION
IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE WHEN ANOTHER WILL ARISE. WE
HAVE THEREFORE CONCLUDED THAT USG'S INTERESTS WILL BE
BETTER SERVED BY HAVING CONSULTATIONS ON AIR TRANSPORT
ISSUES, THAN BY A TRADE-OFF OF PHIL CAPACITY INCREASES

FOR US CAPACITY INCREASES. THIS POSITION HAS BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH INTERESTED US CARRIERS WHO HAVE TAKEN NO
EXCEPTION TO IT.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE PHIL CAB THAT PRIOR
TO TAKING ANY ACTION ON PAL REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO
INTRODUCE DC-10'S, USG WOULD BE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP ON THE AIR TRANSPORT ISSUES WHICH
EXIST BETWEEN US. TO THIS END WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
MEET WITH A GOP DELEGATION AT AN AGREED TIME AND PLACE.
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